

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Sub A1  
When an input device (2) receives stream data outputted from an output device (1) connected to a predetermined network, if an output device or other devices transmit a command for setting the input device (2) such that a data input section (2b) of the input device (2) may input outputted data of the output device, there is prepared data indicating that the input setting is at least temporarily disabled as a response from the input device to the command. If the command transmission source receives data indicating that the input setting is at least temporarily disabled, then corresponding processing may be executed. When stream data is transmitted through a network such as an IEEE 1394 network, it can be easily determined by other device on the network whether or not a target device side is ready to input data.